

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

*Sean Persin, Supervising Judge
Chris Brophy, Case Manager - Probation*



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2021 Annual Report

The Tippecanoe County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was certified on January 4, 2019 by the Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS). The certification authorizes the VTC to provide problem-solving court services through June 17, 2022.

Eight Veterans applied for the program in 2021. Four applicants were determined to be eligible. A breakdown, by branch, is below:

Army	3 applicants	2 eligible, 1 undetermined
Air Force	1 applicant	1 not eligible
Marines	2 applicant	1 eligible, 1 not eligible
Navy	2 applicants	1 eligible, 1 undetermined

There were eight participants at the start of 2021. The VTC accepted seven new participants in 2021 (some applied in 2020); four participants graduated; 1 was terminated; and ten were active participants as of December 31, 2021.

A breakdown of the participants, by branch, as of December 31, 2021, is below:

Army	8 participants
Marines	2 participants

One participant is a transfer from Fountain County. Two participants are transfers from Clinton County. One is a transfer from Hamilton County. Seven participants are from Tippecanoe County.

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Team Members and Training

In 2021, our VTC Team included the following Team Members:

Sean Persin, Supervising Judge
Daniel Moore, Judge
Norman Henry, Program Coordinator/Case Manager
Christopher Brophy, Probation Officer/Case Manager
Jennifer Prange, Administrator
Patrick Harrington, Prosecuting Attorney
Ashley Spolarich, Defense Attorney
Kristine Ping, Mental Health Specialist
Alexandra Schroll, Mental Health Specialist
Sandra Whiteley, Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinator
Timothy Hilton, Veteran Mentor Coordinator
Bryan Maynard, Assistance Specialist
Caleb Shocaroff, TCCC Case Manager
Travis Butts, Deputy Sheriff, LEO Representative

Case Manager Chris Brophy attended the following trainings last year:

- Justice Services Conference

- Several IOCS webinars on various topics relevant to Treatment Courts

Case Manager Caleb Shocaroff attended the following trainings last year:

- ECMS Training

- Policing the Teen Brain

- Several Webinars on topics relevant to VTC

Coordinator Norm Henry attended the following trainings last year:

- InArms Conference

- Crisis Intervention Training

- NADCP Webinar on Incentives and Sanctions

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Income and Expenditures

The VTC received new Veterans Treatment Court Grant funds in the amount of \$5,500.00 in 2020-2021, along with authorization to use unspent grant funds from prior years. Some participants are receiving treatment through the VA, and some are using other agencies.

Expenditures for 2021 included:

Drug Testing	\$ 271.00
Incentives	\$ 1681.58
Participant Services (covered and not covered)	\$ 2036.25
Administrative Expenses	\$ 384.52

Some participants have struggled with being off of work for periods of time, and we were able to help them with rent and utility assistance to keep them financially stable.

The program did not receive any cash or gift card donations in 2021 and did not request appropriations from the Tippecanoe County General Fund in 2020.

Notes

Some staffing and court sessions were conducted remotely due to the pandemic, but most were safely conducted in person.

The program conducted two VTC graduations in 2021 for the first time in program history. The first was on May 18, 2021 and the second was on October 19, 2021. Professional baseball players, NAACP representatives, and local church leaders were among the community members who participated in the ceremonies.

Judge Persin and Judge Moore presented “Legal Perspectives” about Veteran’s Treatment Courts on October 26, 2021 at the Battlemind to Home Summit at Purdue University.

The program participated in a Stand Down Event for Veterans on November 6, 2021.

The program held a Mentor Callout on November 9, 2021.

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Judge, Tippecanoe Circuit Court

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Program Coordinator

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